"*When there is no such majority which concurs in judgment varying or reversing the decree or order appealed against, such decree or order shall be affirmed.*"

The section was then put to the vote and carried.

Mr. K. ACHYUTA MENON.

Sir, under S. O. 42, I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Chief Court Regulation be taken up and passed at a subsequent meeting of the Council, i. e., on Friday the 23rd instant.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

Sir, I second it.

The motion was then put and agreed to.

Mr. A. B. Salem's Cochin Old Age and Widows' Relief Bill.

PRESIDENT.

Mr. A. B. Salem will introduce the Cochin Old Age and Widows' Relief Bill.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Sir, I beg leave to have it adjourned to a subsequent meeting, because I have asked the Government for certain statements as regards the number of persons that would come under the category of persons entitled to these pensions. The Government, I understand, are collecting the necessary statistics, and as there is no great hurry to rush through this Bill, I pray that you would be pleased to adjourn this to a subsequent meeting, and allow me to move it then, after obtaining the statistics, etc., from the Government.

PRESIDENT.

In regard to the adjournment of the consideration of Bills, it seems that they will lapse; if they have not been read in Council. See S. O. No. 4, clause 2.

Mr. A B. SALEM.

So I can have it held over for 2 sessions. I can adjourn it for 2 sessions but not more, so that at the next session I can have it introduced. On the termination of the session, all pending notices shall lapse, and fresh notices will have to be served for the next session.

PRESIDENT.

Can we carry over this Bill to the budget session? "Bills which have been introduced"— these are the words used.

Mr. N. PADMANABHA MENON.

But he has not introduced it.

Mr. A. B. SALEM

I have got leave to introduce it. That is all.

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PRESIDENT.

Then let it stand over to the next meeting. Now, we will come to the next item, "Resolutions."

Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

The first resolution stands in the name of Mr. K. T. Mathew.

The Introduction of Free Compulsory Primary Education amindst the so-called depressed classes.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Sir, my resolution reads as follows:—

"*That this Council requests the Government to introduce free compulsory Primary education amidst the Tiyyas, Pulayas and other so-called depressed classes in the State*".

I very much regret to say that the resolution is not satisfactorily comprehensive. It should have been more comprehensively worded so as to make Primary education free and compulsory to all classes. The resolution was so narrowed down in its application that the Government might not raise any serious objection in accepting it, and in the opinion of this House, if the resolution is not comprehensive enough, any one of its members could bring forward an amendment in order to make it satisfactorily comprehensive. On my part, I am for giving free compulsory Primary education to boys and girls of all classes alike, but lest I should be called "an impracticable visionary or faddist" by the Hon'ble Member in charge of the Department of Education, I refrained from widening the scope of the resolution.

Let me now explain my resolution. The resolution does not ask that Primary education should be made immediately free and compoulsory throughout the State. I know that elementary vernacular education is free in our State, and so the resolution asks primarily for introducing only another element, viz., compulsion, and that only with regard to some classes of people. Therefore, the request made to the Government is a very modest one, and it is one which could be accepted and carried out in practice. As there is no time-limit in the resolution for introducing compulsory education in all parts of the State, the Government can take a reasonable time for putting the resolution into effect throughout the State. In some parts of the State where the Tiyyas, Pulayas, and the so-called depressed classes live in large numbers, the resolution can soon be translated into action. The Government has accepted that education should be extended to those classes of people who have not been making full use of the educational facilities afforded by the Government, and it is, therefore, that the Government is giving

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